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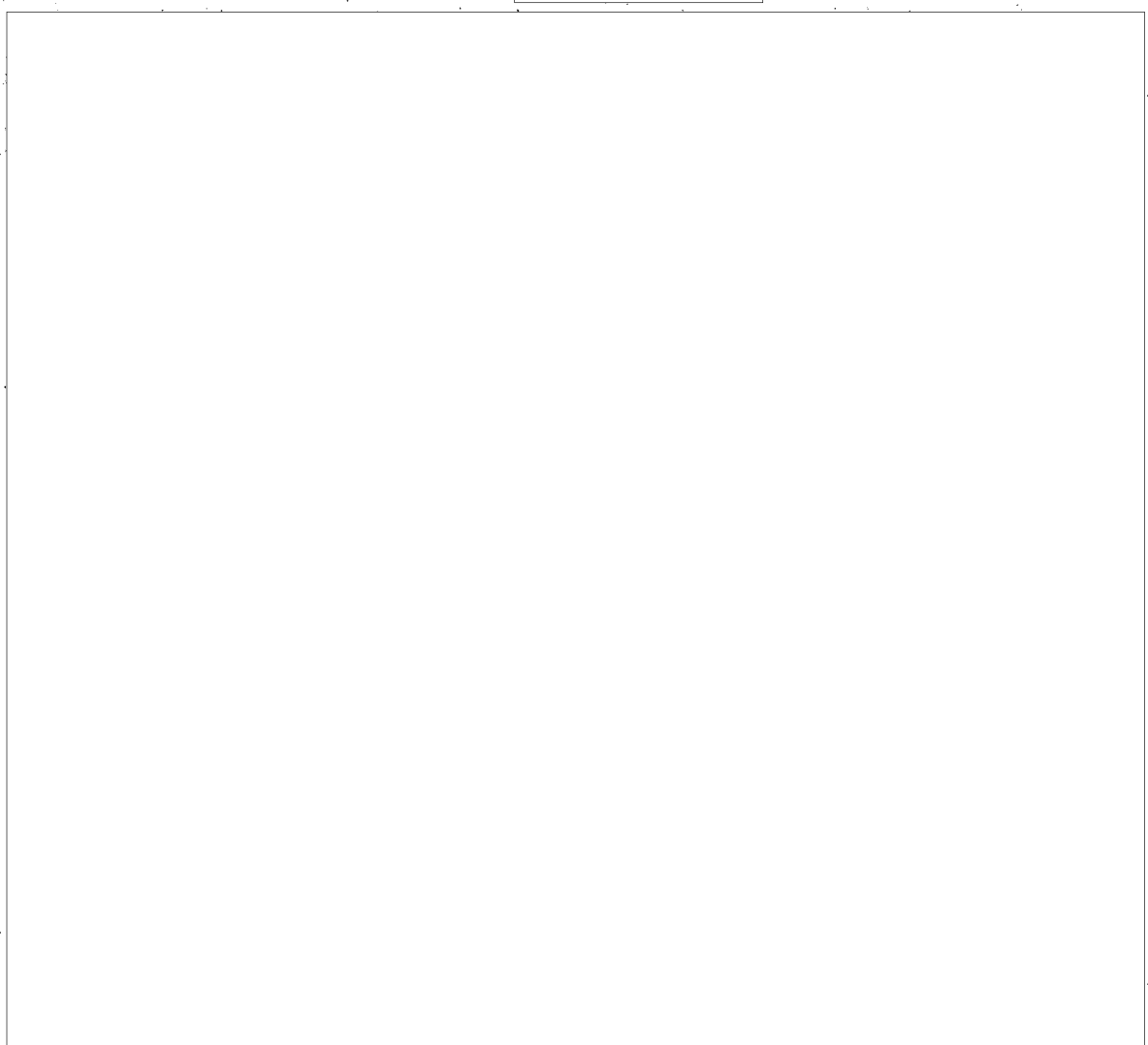

6. COLOMBIA: URIBE PUSHING PARAMILITARIES TO DISARM (b)(3)
//PRESIDENT URIBE LAST WEEK LAUNCHED A HUNT TO ARREST PARAMILITARY COMMANDER DIEGO MURILLO, A.K.A. DON BERNA, ON MURDER CHARGES IN AN EFFORT TO QUELL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM THAT HE IS IGNORING CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS, AS WELL AS TO SHOW PARAMILITARY LEADERS THAT HE WILL PUNISH SERIOUS VIOLATIONS.// MURILLO, ACCUSED OF ORDERING THE KILLING OF A LEGISLATOR, SURRENDERED LAST FRIDAY AFTER A THREE-DAY MANHUNT.
-- BOGOTA'S SURRENDER TERMS INCLUDED IMMEDIATE DEMOBILIZATION OF MURILLO AND POSSIBLY AS MANY AS 4,000 FIGHTERS UNDER HIS CONTROL; DISARMAMENT EFFORTS HAD BEEN FROZEN SINCE FEBRUARY PENDING A BILL IN CONGRESS SETTING PUNISHMENTS FOR FORMER FIGHTERS.
-- MURILLO PROBABLY WANTS TO BENEFIT FROM THE LEGISLATION, WHICH WOULD LIMIT HIS MAXIMUM JAIL TERM TO EIGHT YEARS, AND PROBABLY

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HOPES URIBE WILL SUSPEND HIS EXTRADITION TO THE US ON DRUG-TRAFFICKING CHARGES IF HE TAKES ACTIVE PART IN THE PEACE PROCESS. (b)(3)

THE GOVERNMENT IN RECENT WEEKS HAS (b)(1) (b)(3)
BEEN WORKING WITH SEVERAL PARAMILITARY COMMANDERS TO ARRANGE THE DEMOBILIZATION OF AT LEAST 8,000 ADDITIONAL COMBATANTS. //MOST PARAMILITARY LEADERS SINCE DECEMBER HAVE REFUSED TO CONTINUE DISARMING WITHOUT GUARANTEES AGAINST HARSH SENTENCES AND EXTRADITION, SO A SECRET DEAL MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED LAST MONTH WITH SOME LEGISLATORS OR THE URIBE ADMINISTRATION.//

-- ONE KEY PARAMILITARY NEGOTIATOR, AFTER MEETING WITH A GROUP OF LAWMAKERS IN MID-MAY TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF THE PENDING LEGISLATION, VIEWED THE PEACE PROCESS MORE FAVORABLY. (b)(1) (b)(3)

-- URIBE COULD HAVE SUSPENDED EXTRADITION OF PARAMILITARY LEADERS, ON CONDITION THAT THEY COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PEACE PROCESS, AS HE DID FOR A TOP PARAMILITARY COMMANDER IN DECEMBER. (b)(3)

-- PARAMILITARY COMMANDERS HAVE BACKTRACKED ON PLEDGES BEFORE, AND SOME STILL MAY RENEGE ON THEIR MOST RECENT OFFERS TO DISARM COMBATANTS. (b)(3)

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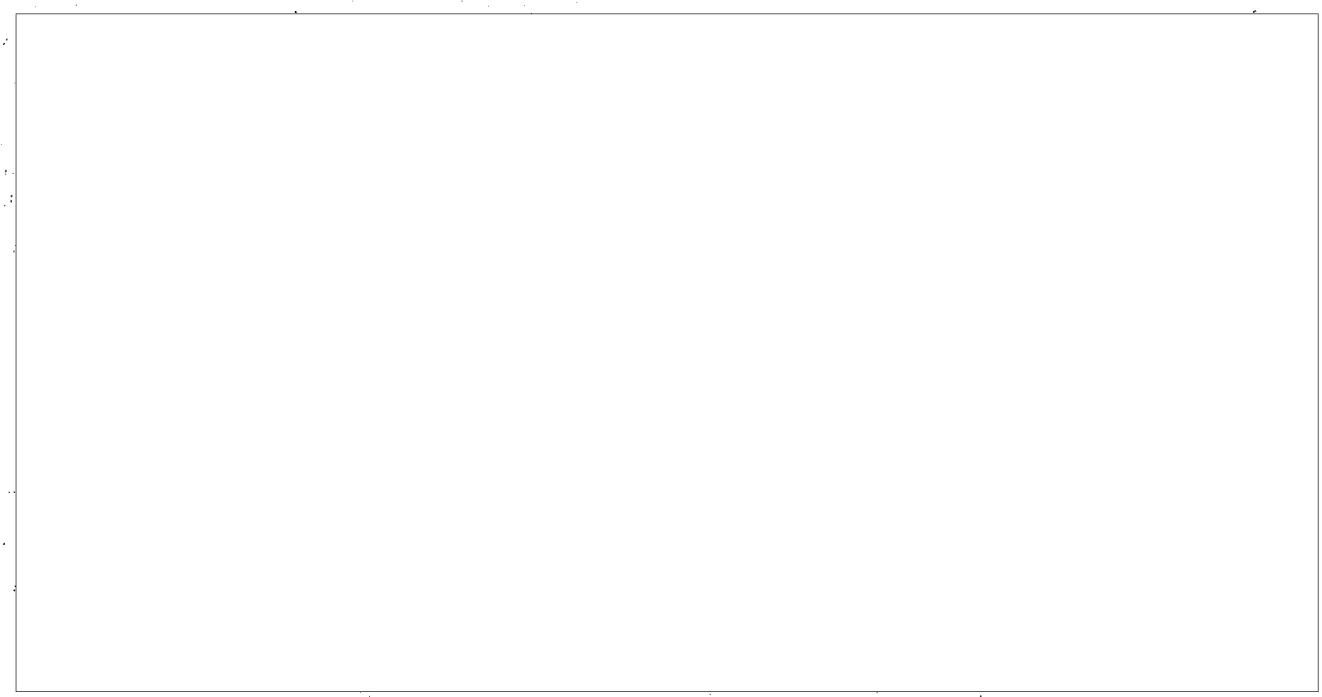

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